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Hongkong, 29th May, 1883. [340]

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1883. [393]

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Hongkong, 25th May, 1883. [83]

THE Undersigned have been appointed
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ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

**UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A FIRST INTERIM BONUS of TWENTY
per cent. upon Contributions for the year
1882 has this day been DECLARED.

WARRANTS may be had on Application at
the Office of the Society on and after the 21st
Instant.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1883. [460]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., to Sell by
Public Auction,

TO-MORROW,

the 9th June, 1883, at NOON, on Board,—
The American Barque "JOHN WORSTER,"
of 612 Tons Register, built at MEDFORD,
MASS., in 1867, of OAK and PITCHPINE,
being Copper-fastened and Sheathed with
Yellow Metal, as she now lies in this Har-
bour, with all her TACKLE, APPAREL,
&c.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the Purchase
Money to be paid upon fall of the hammer, the
rest on completion of Transfer. The Vessel to
be at Purchaser's risk after being knocked down.
For Particulars apply to the Auctioneer.

G. R. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 5th June, 1883. [434]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on
WEDNESDAY,

the 13th day of June, 1883, by order of the
MORTGAGEE, on the Spot, at 3 P.M.,
All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND Registered
in the Land Office as INLAND LOT
No. 229A. Together with the House in
West Street, Tai Ping Shan, No. 48, measur-
ing on the North and South 10 feet East and
West 40 feet. Yearly Crown Rent \$6.82.

Also,
All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND Registered
in the Land Office as INLAND LOT
No. 229B. Together with the House No.
10 in West Street, Tai Ping Shan, measuring
North and South 16 feet East and West,
40 feet. Yearly Crown Rent \$4.68.
For Particulars, apply to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1883. [426]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from E. J. ACKROYD, Esq., Registrar, to
Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 15th day of June, 1883, at NOON, on board,—
THE STEAMER "YOTUNG"
of 286 Tons Register or thereabouts,

**IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS, ON BOARD
THE STEAMER "HONGKONG."**
The above STEAMERS will be Sold as they
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APPURTENANCES, TACKLE, AP-
PAREL, &c.

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money to be paid on the fall of the hammer,
balance on completion of Transfer. The Vessels
to be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 6th June, 1883. [439]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on
SATURDAY,

the 16th day of June, 1883, on board, at 3 P.M.,
THE BARQUE "ALVA," of 632 Tons Register,
built of OAK and TEAK, Copper fastened,
will be Sold with all her TACKLE, AP-
PAREL, &c., as she now lies in this
Harbour, in one lot.
Chronometers, and the Europe and Manila
Rope, an extra Set of New Sails, Bolts of Canvas,
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For Terms of Sale and Inventory, apply to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 7th June, 1883. [441]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

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MERCHANT & COMMISSION AGENT
at this Port under the name of PO SHUN
YANG HONG 行 順保

CHEONG QUAN SANG.

CHOO YUNE STREET,
街游晉

Canton, 1st June, 1883. [427]

NOTICE.

M. CARL F. STIEBEL will hold Our
Power of Attorney and Sign the Name
of Our Firm from this date.

DEETJEN & Co.
Hongkong, 29th May, 1883. [416]

NOTICE.

M. JEHN ROSSETT is AUTHORIZED
to Sign Our Name per procuration from
this date.

J. ULLMANN & Co.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1883. [389]

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Hongkong, 19th April, 1883. [307]

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Hongkong, 6th April, 1883. [13]

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Hongkong, 4th April, 1883.

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S. MEYERS,

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1883.

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KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 5th June, 1883. [560]

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Hongkong, 31st May, 1883. [703]

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Hongkong, 23rd August, 1882. [4]

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will be despatched as above TO-MORROW,
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declared.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
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Hongkong, 6th June, 1883. [407]

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FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)
THE Company's Steamship

"JORGE JUAN,"

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Hongkong, 6th June, 1883. [437]

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PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW
ZEALAND, FIJI, NEW CALEDONIA, and
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Captain S. G. Green, will be despatched as
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Hongkong, 8th June, 1883. [424]

UNION LINE.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

A public meeting, convened by Mr. H. Tripp, Clerk of the Course to the Hong Kong Race Fund, for the purpose of arranging a race meeting for the ensuing Autumn, was last evening in the Hongkong Club. The attendance was large, on several occasions, the meeting being of great dimensions, and included the most representative of the sporting element. Amongst others we noticed Mr. H. J. Hume, Mr. D. McCulloch, Mr. R. Fraser-Smith, Mr. G. Gosden, Mr. F. Lyster, Mr. F. B. A. Mr. W. Parfitt, Mr. G. S. Coxon, Mr. H. Mr. P. Harland, and Mr. J. A. Mosley.

Mr. Tripp, after expressing regret that the meeting was such a small one, said that there would be no difficulty in getting a large meeting in the Autumn, if the thing would be put in a proper way.

Mr. Fraser-Smith suggested that it would be advisable to appoint a committee to arrange preliminaries before taking any other steps. Until it was ascertained what support proposed meeting was likely to receive from the community, he considered that it would be premature to fix upon a programme.

Some informal conversation then took place on the course of which Mr. Tripp gave a list of that, the sheet of which would be sent to the members of the meeting; as the result would then be in a very fair order, as the subscription figures of next year would be known, some of them would probably take part in the sports. Mr. Coxon then the "Sky" meeting should be an entirely dependent affair, not relying in any way on regular races, and confined solely to Hong Kong. The great rules of the Hongkong Races would, of course, be observed.

Mr. Fraser-Smith—Gentlemen, I will call business greatly in order, and I now desires informal meeting, and I therefore be to propose that Mr. Tripp take the chair.

Mr. Coxon seconded, and the proposal carried.

Mr. Fraser-Smith, the Chairman, will favour us with your views regarding the proposed meeting so that we may know exactly we intended.

The Chairman—My idea is that we should put up a "Sky" meeting confined, entirely to the poolies and riders. We might for instance

a lock race, a trotting contest, and a race open to all ponies, the winner to be claimed for \$150 so as to exclude the "cracks." This proviso would keep away first class ponies as owners would not risk losing them for such a small sum. We might also combine with the meeting some athletic sports, so as to make a pleasant afternoon, or perhaps two afternoons—a two days' meeting ending each day at two o'clock.

Mr. Fraser-Smith—How do you propose to raise the necessary funds?

The Chairman—By subscriptions. I don't think we shall experience any difficulty there. We have the ladies of the colony with us. One lady has already promised to get up a Ladies' Purse, and also offered to subscribe \$10 towards a tug-of-war.

Mr. Coxon—I think several gentlemen would give cups if they were solicited.

The Chairman—No doubt they will, and of course we shall charge a small entrance fee. I think about \$2 would be enough. We might also have a light steeplechase; we do not want a heavy one to start with.

Mr. Fraser-Smith—It will be difficult to have a much lighter one than we had last year.

The Chairman—It would be easy to arrange for some athletic sports, say a mile race for soldiers, a race for civilians, and a jockey race for those who had ridden at the meeting, and other events to make the affair as interesting as possible.

At the suggestion of Mr. Fraser-Smith the Chairman proposed that a "Sky" meeting should be held on the race course during the latter half of October. Mr. Fraser-Smith seconded and the proposal was carried unanimously.

As there was some difficulty in forming a committee owing to the absence of so many of the supporters of racing, the Chairman after drawing up a list of names suggested that it would be better to postpone the election so that he could ascertain what gentlemen would be willing to act. A meeting could then be called to elect a committee.

There was some further general conversation in which several gentlemen took part. It was stated that winners of events at a "sky" meeting did not incur penalties for the regular races, the regulations in that respect being identical with the "Off-day" at the annual meeting. In reply to the Chairman, who expressed a strong opinion that the races should be entirely confined to Hongkong, as the presence of "cracks" would spoil the sport, Mr. Aubert remarked that there was very little of any of the Shanghai cracks—being present, as the training for the autumn meeting there would be in full swing, an opinion in which Mr. Essex concurred.

NEW GODS IN OLD TEMPLES.

A critical stage in the modern history of religion is now being reached. The spiritual faith of the English people has long been a source of perplexity to foreign countries, and to the reflecting Briton himself. At last it is in process of being made perfectly clear. The course of the debate in the House of Commons on the Affirmation Bill, and the result of the most recent trial for blasphemous libel, clear the ground of all obscuring superfluities, and display in sharp relief the interesting outline of the national creed. Professor Max Müller has written a very instructive book, which shows that the religions of all countries and all ages possess a certain common element, and that their history is simply that of a development, and of addition to a few identical principles. The cultus is derived by accidents of place, climate, time; the idea underlying the cultus never varies. Even within the limits of the United Kingdom there exist abundant materials for the study of comparative religion. England—its spiritual matters is the microcosm of the world. The Anglican Establishment itself contains in its fold every variety of Christianity and Paganism. If therefore, we can discern a residuum not merely in all the forms of religion, but in all the forms of the cultus, which are so profoundly different, but in those which are so profoundly similar—namely, in the pale of the Church of England itself—we shall, it is obvious, have grasped the essence of the national religion. Now, the facts elicited in the course of the trial of Footes and Ramsey, emphasised by Footes himself, and dwelt upon by Lord Coleridge in one of the ablest and most admirable charges ever delivered from the judicial bench, as well as the prominent features of the discussion in the House of Commons, take us to the root of the matter. The vital element in the Englishman's creed is not what he believes, or the mental reserves with which he believes, but the manner in which he expresses his belief or disbelief. He may think anything and he may say most things, but he must say them in such a way that they will not outrage the national sense of decency. What does this mean but that the only deity which is recognised as paramount is that of respectability? Mr. Bradlaugh, to put the matter plainly, is excluded from the House of Commons because he is not an atheist of the respectable sort. Other atheists are admitted because they have done and said nothing to scandalise the proprietors. In the same way Messrs. Footes and Ramsey are in prison, not because they have attacked the truths of Christianity, but because they have done so in such a way as to offend public sentiment. Their crime is social rather than theological, and the same thing may be said of the junior members of the House of Commons. Footes and Ramsey have sinned even more outrageously in this respect than Mr. Bradlaugh. But they each of them stand upon the same level, and Mr. Bradlaugh may thank his stars that instead of being relegated to a seat below the gallery he is not languishing in a dungeon.

The Lord Chief Justice comes of a family famous for scholarship, culture, and ecclesiastical orthodoxy. He is a man of the highest learning and the deepest religious feeling; but he is also a man of the highest intellectual calibre. Nearly the same description would apply to Gladstone. What, then, do we find in each of these cases? Lord Coleridge, it is clear, is of opinion that the present position of the blasphemy law and the entire system of prosecutions for blasphemy are unsatisfactory and untenable. The Prime Minister advocates the abolition of the parliamentary oath. The coincidence in the striking attitude of the two men who in so many respects closely resemble each other, is so impressively similar that there must be some reason for it. Let us look at the matter a little more closely. Lord Coleridge has declared that Christianity is no longer a law of the land in the sense in which it once was; that is to say, the whole tendency of the present time is towards universal toleration. The whole tendency of the time, a hundred or a hundred and fifty years ago, was against toleration. Thus when, at the end of the eighteenth century, the Whigs were the champions of the Dissenters, and the Tories their enemies, there is not the slightest doubt that the great body of the English people sympathised with the latter, and were devoted to the Establishment—were, in fact, in favour of intolerance and not of tolerance. This may seem a paradox, but it is true; and perhaps, it may partially be explained by the fact that the Church was in those days the only stronghold against the deism of Rousseau on the one hand, and the Puritanism on the other. Thus it may be said that even the intolerance of the English people at this period was dictated by a love of liberty and a regard for tolerance. Christianity therefore being now an integral part of the Constitution to the extent that it once was, what is the position which it

occupies? Lord Coleridge has had the courage to say that, provided the decencies of controversy are regarded, "even the fundamentals of religion may be attacked without the writer being guilty of blasphemy." Mr. Matthew Arnold has compared the First Person of the Trinity to an exalted kind of Lord Shaftesbury. He has spoken, appreciatively, it is true, but with condescension and with levity, though with perfect politeness, of the two other Persons of the Trinity. If living two hundred years earlier he had done this it is highly probable that, instead of being an ornament of London society, he would be prohibited from all intercourse with the polite world, and might be within a measurable distance of closing his career at the stake. The polemical instruments used by Messrs. Bradlaugh, Footes, and Ramsey are of a very different kind. To put it differently—and the words are used now in no profane spirit—Mr. Arnold, and writers of the school of culture to which he belongs, have treated the Almighty as a gentleman. This Lord Coleridge has ruled, is what ought to be done; and he says, with much force, "It is not quite clear to my mind that some sort of blasphemy law reasonably enforced may not be an advantage even to those who differ from the religion of a country, and who desire to oppose and deny it." No doubt, and the reason is obvious. Without some sort of blasphemy law there can be no guarantee that religious controversy will not be vulgarised and dragged through the gutter. But is it a blasphemy law, properly speaking, the best method for preventing this? and might it not be possible and desirable to replace a blasphemy law by the drastic operation of a rigid measure against indecency and obscenity of speech of every kind?

The cardinal fact to be borne in mind is that there has ceased to be anything penal in attacking religion itself, and that the one thing which cannot be done with impunity is to outrage respectability. To defend respectability, therefore, and not to protect religion, must be the object of the law in future. Without a law of this moment the atrociously bad taste of the abuse levelled by Bradlaugh, Footes, Ramsey, and Co., against Christianity and revealed religion of every kind, let us not forget this. Footes pertinently said that the language he employed was that suited to his public and to a penny paper of the sort he conducted; that in these respects, and in these only, it differed from the language of Mr. Matthew Arnold, which was that of a half-guinea book, and was addressed to an audience of the upper classes. Respectability, therefore, is like religion, a relative term, and it necessarily varies with religion itself. Let us put it in this way: as is the writing of Mr. Matthew Arnold to the religion of society, so is the writing of Bradlaugh, Footes, and Ramsey to the religion of the Salvation Army. There is nothing which sins more grievously against good taste itself in the blasphemous libels of the *Free Thinker* than in the hysterical libels of General Booth's worshippers. If the latter, to have a recognised place among the religious methods, it must be expected that their assailants will adapt their criticisms and denunciations to the extravagance and vulgarity employed by those whom they criticise and denounce. Not to do so would be equivalent to meeting a bludgeon with a rapier. The conclusion at which the Prime Minister and the Lord Chief Justice have arrived, and the end which they are endeavouring to promote, are identical. Mr. Gladstone, in a speech which it is no exaggeration to say was the last piece of oratory of his kind heard for the last quarter of a century, urged that a parliamentary oath should no longer be compulsory because of the scandal that such compulsion excites. Lord Coleridge has plainly made up his mind that the time has come when, as a concession, not merely to the logic of facts, but to religion itself, the blasphemy laws must be revised. What, in effect, he said, must be punished, and what it is to the interests of the community, religious or irreligious, revealed or un-revealed, is not the attempt to discredit religion, but to outrage British respectability. For the moment our opportunities are limited to getting rid of the parliamentary oath as a formula practically obligatory on all who do not happen to be Quakers. It is a misfortune that the immediate cause of this necessity should be Mr. Bradlaugh; but we must, as the Attorney-General forcibly and fairly said in a speech which was a masterpiece of lucid exposition and logical cogency, expect the change of Mr. Bradlaugh from our minds, and think rather of those who, while they are more respectable than he, and while their Agnosticism is of a less aggressive type, believe as little, and can therefore with as little propriety take the oath. That they do take the oath without compunction is owing to the fact that they adopt Mr. Mill's views on the subject, and that they regard it as a harmless superstition. In the same way they might perhaps, if they were staying at the house of a religious family whose feelings they would wish to consult, consent to go to church once on Sunday, or to appear at the prayers of the household. We say this advisedly, because it is one of the very cases for which Mr. John Morley provides in the closing chapter of his book on *Compromise*. The parliamentary oath as an indispensable rite is doomed; it might have lasted much longer if the present circumstances had not arisen, and attention had not been prominently directed to it. Now that this is the case there is no alternative except that it should be abandoned. Even as it is in the interests of respectability that writings such as that for which Footes and Ramsey are now in prison should not be tolerated, so it is in the interests of respectability that the controversy respecting the parliamentary oath should be terminated by the acceptance of the Affirmation Bill. If it is not, religion itself will suffer. The old Roman patricians continued to sacrifice to their deities long after they had lost all belief in their existence; but when the fact that they had lost their belief was dwelt upon with inconvenient pertinacity, they found it difficult to maintain their sacrificial system. There is a moral in this historical instance which we need not particularly point out. It would be well if those whom it concerns will take it to heart.—*The World*.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P. M. steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with the next American mail, left San Francisco on the 17th ultimo, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 15th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Union Line steamer *Yorkshire* left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 1st instant, and may be expected to arrive here on or about today.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Telmachus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the afternoon of the 3rd instant, and may be looked for here on or about the 6th.

The N. L. S. N. Company's steamer *Camorra* left Batavia on the 1st instant, and is due here on or about the 16th.

The steamship *Eurus* left Sydney for Hongkong, via Queensland Ports and Port Darwin, on the 20th ultimo, and is expected to arrive here on or about the 24th instant.

The Scottish Oriental Company's steamer *Thames* left Glasgow on the 17th May, and may be expected to arrive here about the 4th July.

Today's Advertisements.

UNION LINE.
FOR YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship
"EUPHRATES,"
Captain Mitchell, will be despatched for the above Port, TO-MORROW, the 9th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 8th June, 1883. [444]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship
"JAPAN,"
Captain T. S. Gardner, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 14th instant, at THREE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 8th June, 1883. [445]

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AND ADELAIDE.

(Via Foochow, and outside of New Guinea,) granting through Bills of Lading for other AUSTRALIAN and NEW ZEALAND PORTS, THE Steamship

"OCEAN,"
Captain Brown, will be despatched on the 17th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 8th June, 1883. [448]

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship
"CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO,"
will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 26th inst., at THREE P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, and Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSAGES—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 per cent. from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 per cent. will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25 per cent. from Return Fare. *These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

Freight will be received on board until P.M. on the 15th inst. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER, Agent.
Hongkong, 8th June, 1883. [1]

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"EUPHRATES,"
Captain Mitchell, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to Yokohama, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-DAY.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 15th instant, or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 8th June, 1883. [446]

FURNITURE SALE.

ELEGANT ENGLISH AND AMERICAN FURNITURE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,
the 14th June, 1883, at two o'clock P.M., at the Residence of Mrs. SANDS "The Castle"

THE WHOLE OF HER ENGLISH AND AMERICAN MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

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MAHOGANY MARBLE-TOP TABLES, CRETONE COVERED CHAIRS, MAHOGANY MOROCCO COVERED COUCHES & CHAIRS, PLATED ORNOLU MOUNTED FENDER AND FIRE IRONS, MIRRORS.

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CARVED BEDSTEAD WITH SPRING and HORSE HAIR MATTRESSES, WARDROBE WITH MIRROR FRONT, BUREAU, WASHSTAND with MARBLE-TOP.

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Also,
HANDSOME INDIAN CARPET,
2 FINE OIL PAINTINGS by GEISER,
1 PENDULUM CLOCK by MORRIS, London.

Catalogues will be issued, the Furniture on view from the AFTERNOON of the 13th.

TERMS—Cash.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 8th June, 1883. [449]

Today's Advertisements.

TO LET.

A GROUND FLOOR
AT NO. 8, OLD BAILEY STREET.
Apply on

THE PREMISES.
Hongkong, 8th June, 1883. [447]

TO BE LET,
WITH POSSESSION FROM THE 1ST JULY NEXT.

FIVE COMMODIOUS and well VENTILATED ROOMS suitable for OFFICES or a FAMILY DWELLING HOUSE at No. 24, Praya Central, corner of Pottinger Street.

Apply to
F. VINCENTOT,
8, Peel Street.
Hongkong, 8th June, 1883. [450]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

MR. F. VINCENTOT'S WINE and SPIRIT STORE and also the BAKERY now at No. 8, PEEL STREET, will be REMOVED from 1st July next, to No. 24, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1883. [451]

NOTICE.

A REGULAR LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th instant, at 8 for 8.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 7th June, 1883. [443]

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE American Bark
"JOHN WORSTER,"
Built at Medford, Mass., in 1867, as she now lies in Hongkong Harbour, with all her SPARS, SAILS, STORES, &c., &c.

For Particulars, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1883. [395]

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND PORTER.

DAVID CORSAIR & SONS' MERCHANT NAVY NAVY BOILED LONG FLAX CROWN ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [458]

FOR SALE CHEAP.

SEVERAL GOOD PONIES, suitable for Hack, Carriage Ponies or Jumpers. Apply to R. FRASER-SMITH, Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1883.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO. SHIPCHANDLERS, STORE-KEEPERS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS, PRAYA CENTRAL.

HAVE RECEIVED EX LATEST ARRIVALS.

AMERICAN CAST STEEL SHOVELS, PICKS.

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SPARKLING SCHARZHOFFER BEER. TLENSBURG STOCK BEER.

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Hongkong, 7th October, 1882. [10]

Intimations.

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HON. SECRETARY, H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, 6th June, 1883. [438]

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INTENDING Subscribers are requested to send their Names to the Undersigned, from whom a PROSPECTUS can be obtained on Application.

D. RODRIGUES, Care of Messrs. DUNN, MELHAY & Co. Hongkong, 6th June, 1883. [440]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 13th day of June, 1883, at THREE O'CLOCK, in the AFTERNOON, when Resolutions will be proposed for the Subdivision of Shares and the Increase of Capital, and for such Amendments, and Additions to the Articles of Association as may be necessary for that purpose; also for Amendments and Additions to the Existing Articles of Association making provision as to Transfer and Transmission, Cancellation and Reclamation of Shares, Meeting of Shareholders, voting power of Shareholders, Investment of Funds, Constitution of Board of Directors, Appointment and Powers of Agents and Committees, and Interim Division of Profits.

A Copy of the Proposed Resolutions can be seen by any Shareholder at the Company's Offices in Victoria before the date appointed for the holding of the said Meeting.

Should the Resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

By Order of the Board, W. H. RAY, Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1883. [398]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 19th day of June, 1883, at THREE O'CLOCK P.M., in order to take into consideration a Special Resolution to add a Regulation to the Existing Articles of Association of the Company, authorizing the Company so far to modify the Conditions contained in its Memorandum of Association as by Sub-division of its Existing Shares to Divide its Capital into Shares of smaller amount than is fixed by the Memorandum of Association, in accordance with the provisions of Sections XX and XXI. of "The Companies Ordinance, 1877."

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1883. [412]

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The Building (together with a powerful passenger lift) will comprise after the proposed alterations and additions have been completed, viz:—

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Hongkong, 16th April, 1883. [292]

FOR SALE CHEAP.

FIVE TO SIX HUNDRED TONS COKE IN LOTS FROM ONE TON UPWARDS. COAL TAR IN BARRELS. CHOY CHEW.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1883. [324]

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JOSE M. BASA, No. 51, B, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, Hongkong, 1st May, 1882. [343]

Intimations.

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